

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Taylor Foundation Offers Scholarships

The Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence is offering several scholarship opportunities for seniors graduating from Kennedy and Truman high schools this June.

Applications may be obtained at the district's administrative office (23033 Northline Road) or in each high school's counseling office.

For information, call Cathy Busatti at 734-374-1209 or e-mail her at [busattc@taylor.k12.mi.us](mailto:busattc@taylor.k12.mi.us).

### Golf Course To Open

Lower Huron Metropark (17845 Savage Road, Belleville) will open its 18-hole "Par-3" golf course on Saturday, April 10, course conditions permitting. Golf course hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with hours extending as daylight increases. Golfers are advised to call in advance to confirm course conditions.

Golf rates are as follows: weekdays – \$5; weekends/holidays – \$6; seniors (62 and over) and juniors (17 and under) – \$4 each weekday, excluding holidays.

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### Chamber Dinner To Honor POTY Allison

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has announced that its award dinner honoring Person of the Year Julie A. Allison will be held on Friday, April 23, at the Crowne Plaza (8000 Merriman, Romulus). A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner (featuring roasted prime rib or baked tilapia) at 7:30 p.m.

To reserve tickets – \$35 each – call 734-893-0694 or send an e-mail to [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com). Deadline for reservations is April 15. □

## A Great Day for Bunny Business



Beautiful weather – a few teardrops aside – made for perfect egg-hunting conditions at the Easter Eggs'travaganza sponsored by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation. The annual event was held on April 3 at Senior Citizens Park. (For additional photos of holiday celebrations, see page 6.) Photo by Roger Kadam

## Pritula & Sons Wins \$2.6M Contract for Airport Work

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) has awarded a major contract for facility and infrastructure maintenance to Romulus-based William A. Pritula & Sons, LLC, for projects at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and Willow Run Airport (YIP). The contract is valued not to exceed \$2,632,500 for the initial, one-year term, and includes two one-year renewal options.

"The Airport Authority is pleased and proud to have been able to award a major contract to a small, local business right in our backyard," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "We take great pride in our commitment to supporting local, small businesses, and this award underscores our airports' significant economic impact on the southeast Michigan community."

The contract, recently approved by the Wayne County Airport Authority Board, will allow the Airport Authority's Facilities and Infrastructure Management Division to perform necessary pavement rehabilitation on public roadways and the airfields, which cannot be completed by in-house maintenance staff due to the scope and complexity of such repairs. The Airport Authority anticipates spending as much as \$7.9 million over the three-year maximum term of the contract, depending on actual needs and the availability of funds.

William A. Pritula & Sons, LLC, is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) under the Airport Authority's SBE program, launched in 2008. Pritula & Sons also listed two additional SBE firms – S&J Asphalt Paving of Canton and Cougar Sales & Rental of Novi – as subcontractors in their bid proposal.

"I look forward to tackling these projects on the airports' airfields and roadways," said Bill Pritula, the company's owner and president. "Keeping these two airports in operationally capable condition is important to the economy of this region, and I am confident that Pritula & Sons can do a top-quality job."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano congratulated Pritula & Sons on their successful bid.

"We have often seen how spending on transportation infrastructure turns out to be an investment in our future," he said. □

## Metro Airport Will Receive \$8 Million for Noise Enclosure

The Federal Aviation Administration has announced that Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) will receive \$8.35 million for noise mitigation measures. The grant provides the federal share of funding for the design and construction of a Ground Run-up Enclosure at the airport.

Among those hailing the news was Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15).

"Detroit Metropolitan Airport is a major asset to Wayne County and the 15th Congressional District," said Dingell. "Not only does it support much-needed economic activity in our region, but it serves as the first welcome for many passengers as they enter southeast Michigan. Today's grant announcement will not only allow the good work of the airport to continue, but it will also ensure that the airport is able to continue to be a responsible partner within our communities by minimizing its impact on residents."

"I know this funding will go a long way in supporting and improving our communities," he added.

According to Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson, the GRE is a significant noise-mitigation initiative, and the centerpiece of a list of 20 recommendations that the WCAA submitted to the FAA after consulting with a committee made up of representatives from communities in the airport's vicinity.

Robinson explained that, after making repairs, airlines regularly "run up" aircraft engines for testing purposes before their aircraft are returned to service. Airlines will taxi aircraft into the three-sided GRE and run the engine at various levels, up to full-power, for periods of time ranging from a few minutes to as long as 45 minutes. Currently, the airlines perform these tests in open, designated areas adjacent to runways.

"A ground run-up enclosure will have

a noticeable impact for our neighbors because the airlines often conduct aircraft engine maintenance at night, when ambient noise levels are low," said Robinson. "This enclosure will absorb and deflect a significant amount of noise resulting from airline run-ups."

To maximize the effectiveness of the GRE, it will be centrally located on DTW's airfield, just north of taxiway A-5. The structure may be as large as 350 feet by 300 feet – large enough to accommodate a B747-400 aircraft.

"In addition to providing jobs and business opportunities for our communities, it is also important that the airport strives to be a good neighbor," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "I applaud Congressman Dingell for his assistance in securing this grant."

Construction on the enclosure will begin this year. □



## Letter to the Editor

### RECAP Asks AG Cox for Action on Wells

To the Honorable Attorney General Mike Cox:

Our extensive coalition of concerned citizens, faith leaders, seniors, homeowners, small businesses, and others urges you to take the final and necessary action that would permanently revoke the operating permits for highly controversial hazardous waste wells in Romulus.

On August 27, 2009, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – now the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment – released a report clearly outlining why Michigan must revoke the operating permits for the EDS deep-injection waste wells on Citrin Drive in Romulus, after finding numerous violations of Michigan law and safety regulations. These flagrant violations did not merely make a mockery of Michigan regulations, they also potentially put people's lives and property at risk.

The MDEQ findings come after exhaustive and deliberative investigations, public hearings, and testimonials from all sides. The conclusion was unequivocal: In light of the numerous safety and procedural violations of Michigan law committed by the operators of these hazardous waste wells, Michigan has no choice but to revoke the permits permanently and close this controversial chapter of our region's history.

Now, nearly a year later, the final step required to accomplish our 20-year goal of permanently revoking the permits for these dangerous wells has still *not* been taken, despite factual and legal findings of state and federal regulators – and that step is a final sign-off from the Attorney General's office.

*We therefore respectfully demand that you take the immediate action necessary, as required by law, to permanently revoke the operating permits for these hazardous waste wells and put a permanent lid on one of the longest-running health and safety risks our families and our communities have faced in recent history.*

We urge you to uphold your sworn duty to enforce Michigan's laws, which have been violated numerous times by the operators of the Romulus waste wells. As Michigan's top officer in charge of protecting consumers, we also urge you to stand on the side of families and local businesses who faced risks for 20 years from potentially dangerous chemical leaks and heavy traffic of trucks carrying chemical trash.

Downriver families want more jobs, not more hazardous waste. Delaying the final action that will close these wells for good endangers our future, quality of life, and ability to attract investments and jobs.

We are well aware that powerful forces and individuals want to reopen the chemical waste wells in Romulus. We are all also aware that they have spared no expense to influence local officials to do their bidding, as has been widely reported in the news media. These waste wells have been implicated in a growing corruption scandal in Detroit that has already led to convictions. Now, the people behind these wells are doing everything in their considerable power and influence to further intimidate people.

We ask you, as our attorney general, to stand up to these corporate bullies and put people first. We, the citizens of southeast Michigan, want you to know that you have our full support on this matter. We simply ask that you perform your duty and help protect the families of southeast Michigan who have suffered for two decades.

Please take the final action necessary to permanently revoke the operating permits for these hazardous chemical waste wells in Romulus immediately.

Respectfully, and with thanks,  
R. P. Lilly, spokesperson for RECAP  
(Romulus Environmentalists Care About People)

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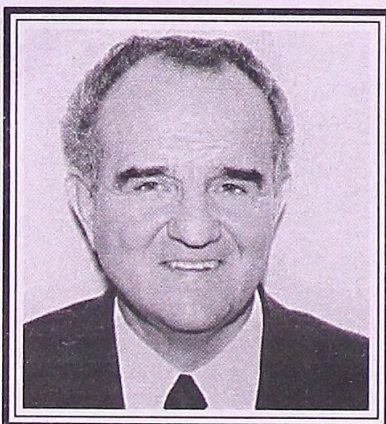
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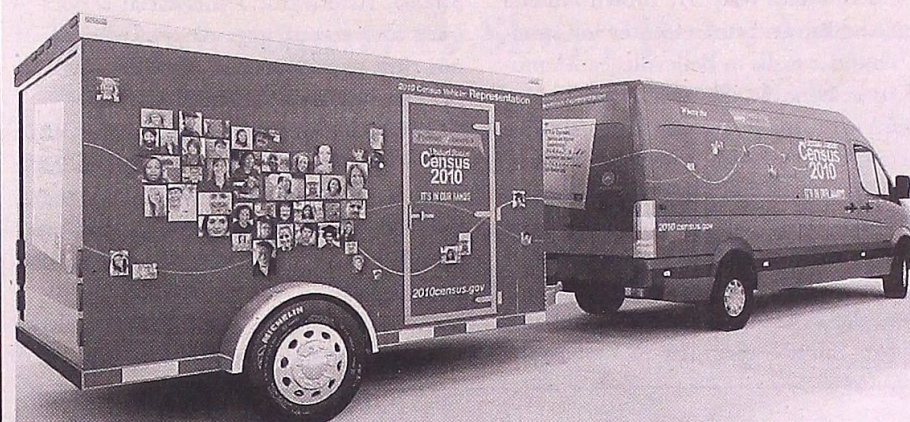
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## 2010 Census Road Tour To Visit Taylor



The Census road tour will visit Taylor's Heritage Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. Altogether, 13 vehicles have been making visits to communities across the nation to promote the 2010 Census.

Area residents are invited to welcome the Census road tour – and enjoy free lunch and giveaways.

The regional "Portrait of America" road tour promoting the importance of the 2010 Census will visit Taylor's Heritage Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

Organizers said activities will be set up behind the Taylor Community Library near the Heritage Park Activity Building.

The road tour has been attracting large crowds across the country. In Taylor, organizers are planning to provide entertainment as well as free hot dogs, chips, and water – while supplies last.

Highlights of the event will include Census-related giveaways, and the first 100 residents to attend will receive "buy one, get one free" admission tickets for the popular Heritage Park Petting Farm (to be used any time in April).

Those driving to the event should park at the Sheridan Community Center, where a Taylor fire truck will promote the road tour.

Taylor residents without transportation to the park are invited to catch a free bus

ride from one of the following locations:

- the entrance to Phoenix Park (on Eureka Road),
- Heritage Glens apartments (south side of Wick Road, east of Allen Road),
- Northwest Park (Harold Street parking lot, south of Van Born Road),
- the parking lot in front of City Hall (23555 Goddard Road), and
- in front of the Parkview Condominiums (corner of Racho and Northline roads).

Brian White, a Census Bureau partner specialist who graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1990, said the regional road tour means there's still a lot to be done.

"Because of Taylor's strong involvement and my link to Taylor, we thought it would be a great idea to have the U.S. Regional Census Road Tour make a stop in Taylor," White said. "This will further enhance the efforts that the City has put forward so far."

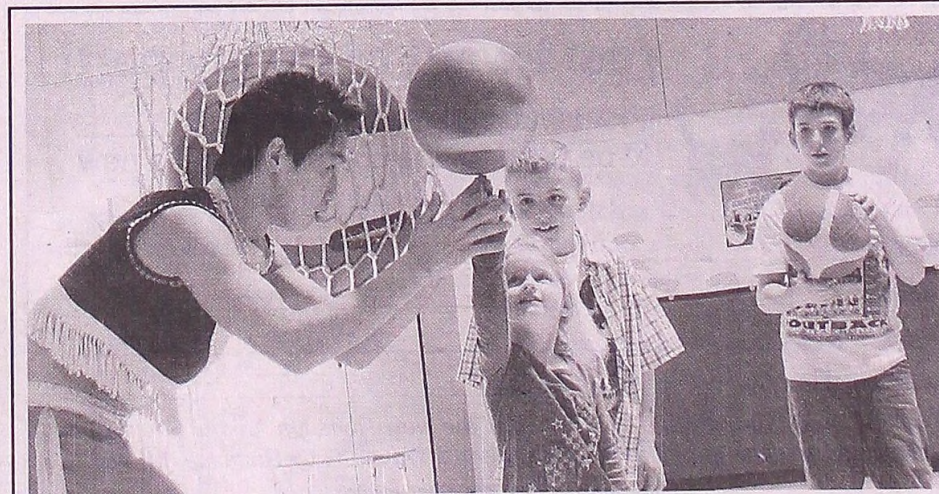
After the Taylor visit, the Census mobile will travel to the Downriver Community Conference (Northline Road in Southgate). That visit is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m.

## Barth Enjoys Acrobats' Performance

By Katlyn Nieman, fifth-grader

On Thursday, March 18, Chinese acrobats visited Barth Elementary. Barth's awesome PTC/PTO parent group sponsored the assembly. The acrobats rode around on

giant unicycles that almost touched the ceiling. They spun 10 plates on long poles and spun 10 other plates on a table, which they kept spinning for about 5 minutes! It was an amazing assembly!



A special assembly at Barth Elementary in Romulus featured performances by an acrobatic troupe that got kids into the act!



## "Thunder Rolls" Honors Veterans

On Monday, May 31, Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center will sponsor "Thunder Rolls in Belleville," a Memorial Day celebration that will pay tribute to veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to protect our nation.

The program will begin with a motorcycle cavalcade that will run from Wayne County Community College's Western Campus (on Haggerty Road just north of I-94) to the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park (on High Street just east of Main

Street). Afterward, a memorial service – open to everyone, regardless of whether or not they participated in the ride – will be held at the park at about 2 p.m.

Registration and lineup for the cavalcade will start at 11 a.m. in the college's front parking lot. All riders are welcome. Proceeds from the \$10-per-person suggested donation will benefit veterans and their families.

For information, call 734-697-5090 or e-mail [browngriefcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:browngriefcenter@yahoo.com). □



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"Everyone will find something at the show this year," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows. "We encourage women to bring their girlfriends, sisters, mothers, and daughters to enjoy the shopping, makeovers, cooking demonstrations, fashion shows, and entertainment."

The show is celebrating its 15th anniversary with treats, presents, goodie bags, and special discounts on Friday.

A few highlights:

- TLC's *Gown Crazy* and Bravo's *Project Runway Season 3* top finalist Johnathan Kayne will present his 2010 gown and evening wear collection and one-of-a-kind classics at his daily fashion show.
- Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will have a bargain boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale, and staff will model clothing items at the "Day into Night: Fashions for Every Woman" runway show (Saturday).
- Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday, with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. Additional spring fashion shows will run during the show.
- Artistry Spa on Wheels will feature complimentary beauty treatments, mini-makeovers, and product sampling of Artistry skin care and cosmetics in a lounge and spa setting.
- Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips, along with an array of new spring scents, will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's beauty experts.
- *Top Chef: Las Vegas* 2009 winner Michael Voltaggio will share his experiences – and also describe his personal cooking style of sophisticated American cuisine that utilizes modern technology and classic disciplines of cooking – when he answers questions and signs autographs on Sunday (sponsored by the Detroit Medical Center).

- The Cooking Stage will feature radio host/chef Lisa Shively, who – using everyday ingredients and simple directions – will help beginner cooks feel more comfortable in the kitchen, and show seasoned cooks new ways to prepare classic favorites. Kroger will bring organic beef and chicken, lean natural beef, and cake decorating tools to demonstrate tips and techniques.
- Coupon Queeny Tanya Senseney – who has paid as little as \$45 for \$457 worth of groceries – will show how to save on food and everyday items, and share her expert tips on coupon-clipping strategies and techniques to combine manufacturer coupons with store sales.
- Free health screenings for total cholesterol level, blood pressure, bone density, glucose level, and more will be available at the AARP/Walgreens Wellness exhibit, along with various health education materials.
- The latest developments in health, cardiology, and pediatrics will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by the Detroit Medical Center. Doctors and specialists from all areas of medicine will be on hand to consult one-on-one and answer individual health- and care-related questions.
- Other features will include the Do It Herself Spotlight Stage; RedPlum deals of the day (special savings that are passed out to attendees at the show entrance); a free reusable Women's Show shopping bag and special gifts to the first 200 show attendees each day; special Nurses Day (Thursday) savings, free water bottles for the first 250 guests, and healthy cooking classes sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association; and Mother & Daughters Day (Sunday), which will feature special gifts and prizes.

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Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck roads in Novi. Show hours are Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$9 for adults and \$5 for youths ages 6 to 12; children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

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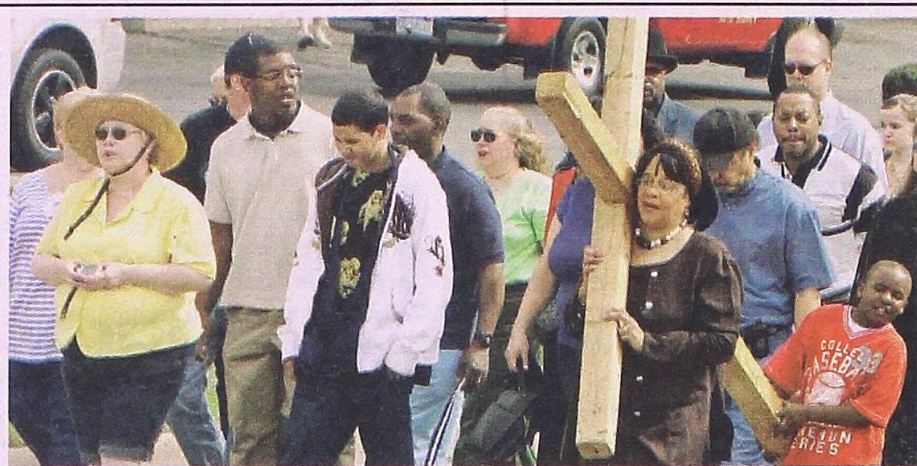
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## Holiday Celebrations



Reverend Rita Talley was among those who took turns bearing a symbolic cross during the Romulus Ministerial Alliance's annual Good Friday Walk on April 2. The event began at Romulus Historical Park, then progressed down Goddard Road to the Wesleyan Church, where a service followed. *Photo by Roger Kadau*



Romulus children waited with varying degrees of patience to hunt the hundreds of brightly colored eggs at the City's annual Easter Eggs'travanza, held at Senior Citizens Park on April 3. *Photo by Roger Kadau*



The Canning family of Taylor – (from left) mom Tara, son Adam, daughter Lindsey, and dad Frank (a Taylor police detective) – enjoyed visiting with the Easter Bunny at Heritage Park on April 3. The holiday event – presented by Rosecrans Picture Perfect Photography – featured an egg hunt, egg decorating, prizes, and goodies, as well as photos with the Bunny. *Photo by Dave Gorgon*



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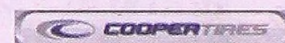
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# Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to *the little paper* at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to [thelittlepaper@comcast.net](mailto:thelittlepaper@comcast.net) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 16.

## Huron Township

### Flea Market at St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) is inviting the public to attend its upcoming flea market, to be held in the church activity building on the following dates/times:

- Thursday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
- Friday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and
- Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although the entire event will offer real deals for bargain shoppers, those with an especially thrifty streak will want to come in on Saturday for extra "Bag Day" savings.

Call the church office (734-753-9048) for information.

## Romulus

### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book of the month, then drop in for discussion and light refreshments.

Books planned for future discussion include:

- *The Wailing Wind* by Tony Hillerman (April 12),
- *Darker Than Night* by Tom Henderson (May 10), and
- *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus (June 14).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Spaghetti Dinner Benefit

Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser on Saturday, April 24, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Suggested donation is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children over 5. Dine in or carry out! For information, call 734-941-0736.

### Citywide Yard Sale

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual Citywide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 20, through Sunday, May 23. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be rescheduled for June 3–6.)

To register for a free sale permit – and have your address included in free newspaper ads for the event – visit the Recreation Department (located in the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road) by **Wednesday, April 28.**

Residents registering after the deadline will receive a free permit, but may not be included in any advertisements.

Call 734-941-8665 for information.

### Children's Crafts at the Library

Youngsters are invited to make their parents homemade gifts from the heart at these one-day craft programs, which will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) at 10:30 a.m. on the following dates:

- *Mother's Day* (Saturday, May 8), and
- *Father's Day* (Friday, June 18).

Although the programs are free, pre-registration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Bowl-a-Thon Benefits Animal Shelter

A 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament to benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund will be held at Romulus Lanes (37452 Huron River Drive) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14. The sixth annual event – dedicated to the memory of Frank Ayers – will feature mystery games, cash prizes, snacks, and a 50/50 raffle.

Suggested donation is \$25 per person. Call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200), City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616), or Joe Ozog (941-3466) for information.

### Volunteers Sought for Clean Sweep

Operation Clean Sweep – an annual volunteer cleanup program presented by the City of Romulus – will be held on Saturday, May 15. Participants may choose to meet at the Veterans Memorial (in front of City Hall) at 9 a.m. to pick up assignments, rubbish bags, and gloves, or to spend part of the day cleaning up areas in and around their own neighborhood.

For information, call Mayor Alan Lambert's office: 734-942-7571.

### Hypnotherapy for Weight-loss

A one-day hypnotherapy session for weight reduction will be held at Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street) at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.

Cost is \$25 for both residents and non-residents. Preregister by Thursday, June 17.

For information, contact the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation at 734-941-8665.

## Taylor

### Scrapbook Cover Workshop

Bring your scrapbook and a yard of fabric (your choice of pattern), and learn how to personalize your scrapbook's cover. The workshop will be held at the Taylor Recreation Center (22805 Goddard Road) on Thursday, May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$7. Preregistration is required. Call 734-374-3906 for information.

### Coffees with the Mayor

Mayor Jeffrey P. Lamarand is inviting constituents to take part in his "Coffee with the Mayor" program – a series of monthly meetings, held in an informal setting, that give residents a chance to learn more about the Mayor's plans, ask him questions, and express their concerns.

Upcoming dates/sites include:

- April 13 – Isis Coney Island (26866 Eureka Road);
- May 11 – Little Daddy's (22250 Eureka Road);
- June 8 – Leon's Family Dining (8787 Telegraph Road); and
- July 13 – Las Huastecas Mexican Restaurant (9411 Telegraph Road).

Note that all coffees begin at 6 p.m.

For information, call Mayor Lamarand's Office: 734-374-1450.

### Celebrate Spring

The animals at the Heritage Park Petting Farm (12803 Pardee Road, at Northline) are inviting you and your family to come and "Celebrate Spring" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 17.

Chief among the day's highlights will be the annual shearing of the sheep. Visitors can watch Deb Caryl trim them to make them comfortable for the coming

summer days, and Mary Minney, an expert spinner, will display things she has created from wool produced by sheep and alpacas.

Ben Knickerbocker, the official farrier of the farm, will show everyone how he trims the hooves of the miniature donkeys, pony, and mini-horse. He will talk to children about how keeping the hooves in good health will keep the animals healthy.

The hum of tractors will be in the air as members of the Tri-County Two Cylinder Tractor Club showcase their prize tractors. Stan Kloc of Taylor will show his pedal tractors, while Toby Winterholler and Ron Love will demonstrate the beauty of a working machine that has helped bring food to our tables for many years.

Staff from the Gibraltar Veterinary Hospital will be at the farm to answer pet care questions and offer pet care tips.

Don't miss spring-theme face painting by Lisa Porter of Flutterby Faces. Check her fee schedule at the Visitor Center.

There will be free sheep crafts and a coloring area for children to enjoy. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

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## News from St. Alfred



Second-graders in Wendy Antko's class at St. Alfred Catholic School in Taylor recently performed "Spring Starts Here!" All 17 students took part in the play, which told the story of a groundhog who was sad that his companions only thought of him as a "clock" instead of seeing him as a real friend.

### St. Alfred Catholic School Kindergarten Roundup

9540 Telegraph Road • Taylor • 313-291-0247

Thursday, April 22, from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Friday, April 23, from 10:00 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Informal readiness tests will be given at this time.



St. Alfred Catholic School Offers the following:

- Taylor buses for Taylor residents
- Before- and after-school latchkey services
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Students are eligible for full- or half-day sessions if they meet the following criteria:

- Will be 5 years of age by December 1, 2010
- Have all necessary documentation, including a birth certificate and proof of required immunizations

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Steven Byrnes (portraying Jesus bearing the cross) was among the St. Alfred eighth-graders who gave a fervent and moving performance of "The Passion of Christ" for their school and parish. Each student gave his/her own dramatic interpretation of a character associated with Christ's crucifixion or one of the other people who were a part of His life.

## St. Alfred Parish Announces THE MEGA RAFFLE

Grand Prize: \$20,000\* with only 600 tickets to be sold.

2nd Prize: \$2,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000

4th, 5th, and 6th Prizes: \$500

Ticket Price: \$100

Drawing Date is Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 9:00 pm during the "Putting on the Ritz" Dinner / Dance.

Early Bird Drawing Dates for advance ticket sales:

April 9, 2010 and April 23, 2010 at 11:30 am in the Parish Office.

Early Bird Winners receive \$100.

\*If 600 tickets are not sold, the drawing will revert to a 50/50 raffle with a minimum prize of \$15,000 awarded. Need not be present to win. License number: C24818.

## Putting on the Ritz "A Night to Dress to Impress"

Saturday, May 1, 2010 • \$15 per person

6:15 pm: Social Time ~ Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 pm: Seating for Dinner

Ticket price includes: Social Time ~ Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres.

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The **MEGA RAFFLE** drawing will take place at 9:00 pm.

Adults only, please.

Raffle Tickets and "Putting on the Ritz" Dinner Tickets are on sale at the St. Alfred Parish office (9500 Banner, Taylor, MI 48180).

For more information, call 313-291-6464.



Second-grader Damien King and kindergartner Ella Nowc made necklaces using 100 pieces of cereal during St. Alfred's 100 Days celebration. The craft was one of many activities that gave the students an opportunity to have fun while practicing their counting and math skills.



## Sassy Seniors

For information about these or other programs, contact the appropriate center.

### Romulus

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#### Lunch Out

There's no transportation charge for the Romulus Senior Center's "lunch out" excursions. Next destination: Leone's Coney Island on Thursday, April 15.

Advance registration is required.

#### Special Trips

Special trips planned for the coming months include:

- **Gamblemania** (Thursday and Friday, April 15-16; \$118),
- **Cinco de Mayor @ Windsor Casino** (Wednesday, May 5; \$18),
- **Odawa Casino in Petoskey** (Thursday and Friday, May 20-21; \$122), and
- **Turkeyville** (Wednesday, June 16; \$72).

Call for details.

#### Jewelry-making Class

The next of Maria Lambert's always popular jewelry-making classes will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 5 p.m.

Advance sign-up is required to insure that there are enough supplies for everyone.

#### Culinary Class: "Chicken Chili"

The Senior Center will hold its next monthly culinary class on Monday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m.

Advance registration is required. Call for details.

#### Monthly Services

The Romulus Senior Center distributes liquid nutrition, commodities, and Focus: HOPE goods.

Not sure if you qualify? Call for more information.

#### Regular Programs

Contact the Senior Center for more information on these free or low-cost weekly programs, including:

- bingo (Mondays/Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- knitting/crochet classes (Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),

- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 11 a.m., at the Romulus Athletic Center).

### Taylor

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#### Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

The Friends of the Ford Senior Center will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament fundraiser at Taylor Lanes on Saturday, April 17; Sunday, April 18; and Monday, April 19. Times/buy-in amounts will be as follows:

- April 17 - 3:30 p.m. (\$10),
- April 17 - 7:30 p.m. (\$10),
- April 18 - 3:30 p.m. (\$10),
- April 18 - 7:30 p.m. (\$50),
- April 19 - 3:30 p.m. (\$5).

For more information, or to volunteer to help, call Beth Schmidt at 313-291-7740.

#### Restaurant Roundup

Enjoy lunch out at Savannah's in Trenton (Tuesday, April 13, at 11 a.m.) and at the Shores Inn in St. Clair Shores (Tuesday, April 27, at 11 a.m.).

Participants will pay \$2 for transportation, plus the cost of the meal. Advance registration is required.

#### MGM Casino

If you love to gamble, but hate the hassles of traffic and parking, this trip to the MGM Casino is for you! The Ford Center's new bus will depart at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 30, and return at approximately 4 p.m.

Cost is just \$2! Sign up early.

#### Other Destinations

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

- **North American International Banjo Convention** (Saturday, May 1; \$10 plus cost of dinner),
- **Sauders Village** (Sunday, May 2; \$18 plus cost of lunch), and
- **Holocaust Museum** (Monday, May 3; \$2 plus cost of lunch).

#### "Tea Socials"

Local seniors are invited to come to the Center each Wednesday at 1 p.m. for board games, cards, or just to socialize. ☐

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Belleville, Brownstown, New Boston, Romulus, or Taylor, **the little paper** will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

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Groom's Parents \_\_\_\_\_

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Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_

Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Reception \_\_\_\_\_

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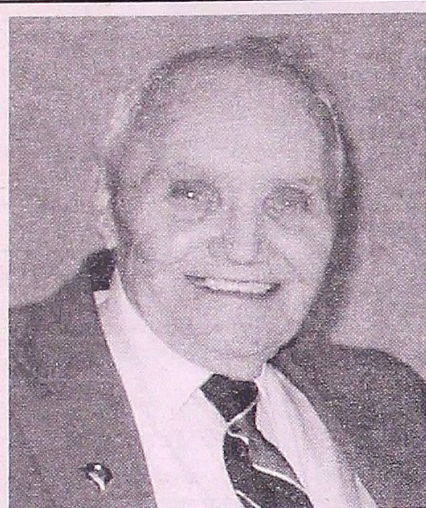
A St. Patrick's Day luncheon held at the Romulus Senior Center on March 24 was sponsored by Great Lakes Medical Supply. Besides delicious food and festive decorations, the event also featured an educational program about managing diabetes.

Photo by Roger Kadau



## Obituaries

### Floyd J. Collins



Floyd J. Collins

Floyd J. Collins of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on April 3, 2010, at the age of 89.

Floyd proudly served in the US Marine Corps in World War II. An active participant in activities at the Romulus and Huron

Township senior-citizen centers, he also enjoyed going to Detroit Tigers baseball games and playing euchre, pinochle, and horseshoes.

Surviving Floyd are 3 sons, Douglas (Margaret) White, Jon (Helen) White, and Floyd (Kelley) Collins; 2 daughters, Sherry (David) Mandell and Dawn Collins; a sister, Margaret Head; a brother, Harold (Rita) Collins; 19 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his wife, Ruby; 2 sons, Lee and Randy; 4 brothers, Stan, Paul, Fred, and Arthur; and his parents, Liphus and Sally (Sherman) Collins.

Visitation will be held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus) on Monday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the funeral service immediately following. Burial will be at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund will be greatly appreciated.

### Memorial Service Planned for Cassi Petry

A memorial service for Cassandra M. "Cassi" Petry (Rockwood, TN) will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at Gilead Baptist Church (Taylor, MI).

The daughter of Ken and Donna Petry of Taylor died on February 8, 2010, at the age of 35.

Cassandra was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School.

A funeral service was held on February 15 in Rockwood.

For further information, please visit <http://www.evansmortuary.net/petry-cassandra-cassi-m.html>.

### Donald Taylor, Sr.

Donald Taylor, Sr., of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on March 23, 2010, at the age of 80.

Donald was a US Army veteran who served in the Korean Conflict. He worked at Ford Motor Co. for 30 years before retiring in 1989.

Donald was an active member and usher of St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus). He enjoyed bowling, hunting (gun and bow), and playing cards.

Surviving Donald are his wife, Margaret Taylor; 4 sons, Donald Taylor, Jr., Edward (Theresa) Taylor, James Taylor, and Thomas (Dawn) Taylor; 3 daughters, Sharon (Darryl) Zilka, Phyllis Taylor, and Judith (David) Brooks; a brother, Raymond Taylor; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Adolore and Florence (Ozier) Taylor, and a sister, Madeline (Murray) McLane.

A funeral mass was held on March 27 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (Novi, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan will be greatly appreciated. □

### PSCU To Award \$10,000 in Scholarships

Public Service Credit Union has announced that 10 students, who are also PSCU members, will each be awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship in 2010. These scholarships are available to any student of any age who wishes to pursue his/her education at the post-secondary level.

Applications – available online ([www.PSCUnow.com](http://www.PSCUnow.com)) and at all PSCU branches – must be returned to the PSCU administrative office (7665 Merriman Road, Romulus) by April 30, 2010.

A committee will choose the winners based on academic record, volunteer service, recommendations, and a personal essay. □

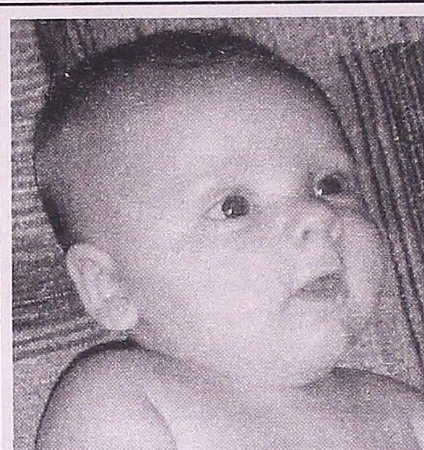
## The Stork Arrived!

### Brecken Dale Mendenhall

Duane and Lisa Mendenhall of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brecken.

Brecken was born in Providence Park Hospital (Novi, MI) at 11:53 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 20 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mendenhall, Sr. (Wyandotte), and his maternal grandparents, Lenny and Eleanor Rozdoske (Romulus).



Brecken Dale Mendenhall

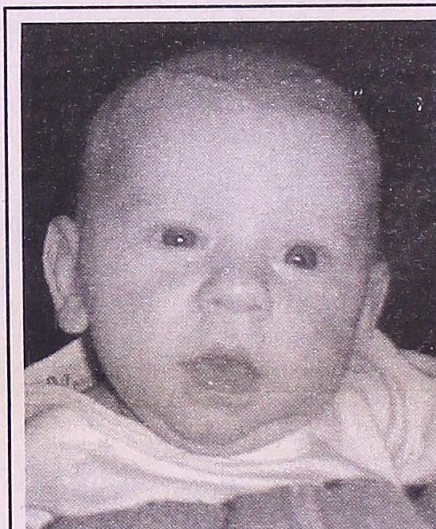
### Vyctor Rhyves Rozdoske

Proudly announcing the birth of their son, Vyctor, are Leonard Jr. and Margo Rozdoske of Lachine, Michigan.

Victor was born in Alpena General Hospital (Alpena, MI) on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 21 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his older siblings, Leonard Leroy III and Eleanor Jacqueline.

Also giving Vyctor a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Lenny and Eleanor Rozdoske (Romulus, MI), and his maternal grandparents, Rodger and Jackie Wright (Centerline, MI).



Vyctor Rhyves Rozdoske

## Soon To Be Wed

### Kimberly Timbrooks and David Bonkowski



David and Kimberly

of Taylor, Michigan, who have announced their plans to get married.

The couple – who became engaged on December 31, 2008 – will exchange their wedding vows on October 9, 2010, at the Little Wedding Chapel in Heritage Park.

Kimberly will be attended by bridesmaids Beth Rawlings, Heather Penny, Kristy Timbrooks, and Juanita Gauthier. Standing up with David will be groomsmen Kevin Bonkowski, Keith Timbrooks, Jim Bonkowski, and Jacob Powell. Nicholas Wimmer and Briana Bonkowski will serve as ring bearer and flower girl, respectively.

A reception at Red Fawn Banquet Center (Allen Park) will immediately follow the ceremony.

Kimberly is the daughter of Sherry Regits (Romulus, MI) and the late Michael Timbrooks. David's parents are Jim and Mary Bonkowski (Brooklyn, MI; formerly of Woodhaven, MI). □

Congratulations and best wishes to Kimberly Timbrooks and David Bonkowski



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